GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3367
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
RENOVATION OF DWARKADHEESH TEMPLE IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which the renovation work of Bhagwan Dwarkadheesh temple in Jamnagar, Gujarat is being undertaken;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the above work during each of the last five years till date;

(c) the time by which the above renovation work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints against the Archaeological Department in regard to the above work;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government against the officials found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The maintenance and conservation work of Dwarkadheesh Temple at Dwarka has been taken up by Archaeological Survey of India since 1966.

(b) The expenditure incurred for maintenance and conservation of the monument during the last five years is as per the Annexure.

(c) The conservation of a monument is a continuous process.

(d) & (e) Complaints were received on behalf of Jagadguru Shankaracharya, Sharda Peeth and by Shri Chandresh Patel, M.P. regarding the quality of stone and the reproduction of sculptures. The conservation work of the temple was carried out as per recommendations of an Expert Advisory Committee and accepted archaeological norms of the Archaeological Survey of India.

(f) Does not arise.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3367 replied to on 15.4.2002.

The expenditure incurred on maintenance and conservation of Dwarkadheesh Group of Temples, Dwarka, District Jamnagar, Gujarat during the last five years is as under:-

Sr.No.	Years	Expenditure
1	1997-98	Rs. 2,56,895.00
2.	1998-99	Rs. 7,20,685.00
3.	1999-2000	Rs. 1,77,208.00
4.	2000-2001	Rs. 3,97,111.00
5.	2001-2002	Rs. 3,87,353.00